

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTORAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government have a proposal to introduce electoral reforms in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the steps taken in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government is working out modalities for enacting a fresh batch of electoral reforms. It intends to introduce in the current session of Parliament a Bill seeking to extend the current constitutional embargo and undertaking a fresh delimitation of electoral constituencies up to the year 2026 and simultaneously undertake readjustment and rationalization of electoral constituencies, including those reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, based on the population census for the year 1991, without affecting the number of seats allocated to States in the legislative bodies. The recommendations on electoral reforms contained in the 170th Report of the Law Commission and the suggestions of the Election Commission of India have been received by the Government. The electoral reforms are an ongoing process and can be carried out only after evolving political consensus. The Government intends to continue interaction with the political parties on various proposals to carry forward the process of electoral reforms.